



# Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri

## Commissione per le Adozioni Internazionali

Autorità Centrale per la Convenzione de L'Aja del 29.5.1993

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**ICAN In Presence and Virtual Meeting  
Sala Gialla (Yellow Room), CNEL, Villa Lubin,  
Via David Lubin n.2, Rome**

### Agenda

**Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> 2022**

13:30	<b>Opening of Microsoft Teams meeting room</b> ~Opportunity for discussions	
14:00	<b>1. Welcome from the CAI representative (to be confirmed), introductions and short presentation round. Approval of the Agenda</b>	
14:30	<b>2. Changes in ICA Reform of the adoption system and other news in several countries and ICAN Sub groups</b>	Requested by:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Reforms that are taking place in the field of ICA in Belgium (Flanders) and assessment framework to evaluate all are ongoing collaborations.</li></ul>	Belgium/Flanders
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Request of a current state of affairs of the developments in the Netherlands?</li></ul>	Belgium/Flanders
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>State of play with regard to the developments after the Committees report</li></ul>	NL
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Memorandum of Understanding (and a yearly 'contribution') between the NL and the Permanent Bureau with the aim of strengthening countries of origin. Joint approach?</li></ul>	NL
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The NL drawn up an analysis of the countries we work</li></ul>	NL

	<p>closely with. I would like to share their terms of references and they would welcome suggestions in this regard.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ICA direct procedures from the Central Authority of the receiving country to the Central Authority of the country of origin: they are working on setting up a detailed protocol for this procedure in order to improve the service that they offer to the families minimising the risks. Is there any country-specific regulation or best practice guideline that you can share?</li> <li>What is going on in the field of ICA (and maybe adoption in general) in your countries?</li> <li>Are the AB in your countries experiencing financial hardship for survival due to the decline in adoptions?</li> <li>Update ICAN Sub group illicit practice/ historic cases.</li> <li>How we can share relevant information on certain countries of origin</li> <li>Follow up of the subgroup to discuss countries of origin in depth.</li> <li>Recognitions of adoptions in other countries, Ireland is interested to hear how other countries deal with these matters, where relevant. As an example; a couple from China living in Ireland don't go through the Central Authority in Ireland but subsequently seek a recognition of their adoption under Irish Law. The couple in this scenario have travelled to China for a short period to affect an adoption but they are habitually resident in Ireland for the past decade and because they are Chinese nationals, they think they are permitted to do this.</li> </ul>	<p>Spain</p> <p>Denmark</p> <p>Spain/Madrid</p> <p>Denmark</p> <p>Belgium/Flanders</p> <p>Belgium/Flanders and Italy</p> <p>Ireland</p>
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16:00-16:30	<b>Comfort Break</b>
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16:30	<b>2. Country of origins - news</b>	Requested by:
	<b>EUROPE</b>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Russia and Ukraine:</b> suspension of adoptions by France (and Ukraine). Suspicions of “fast-track adoptions” of deported Ukrainian orphans in Russia.</li> <li>• <b>Russia</b> - Cooperation with Russia</li> <li>• Update of the ICA with <b>Russian Federation and Ukraine.</b></li> <li>• <b>Ukraine:</b> US has a family that has been unable to leave Warsaw for three weeks with their adopted children because of a custody transfer document that requires signature in Ukraine. Have any other countries experienced this issue with families that already completed their adoptions?</li> <li>• <b>Romania</b> - Post adoption reports for Romanian children</li> </ul> <p><b>ASIA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Armenia:</b> anybody works with them?</li> <li>• <b>Cambodia</b> - Status quo</li> <li>• <b>Cambodia:</b> any news on the re-start?</li> <li>• <b>Cambodia:</b> Resumed intercountry adoption processing after extended suspension.</li> <li>• <b>China</b> - Any update any of the countries could share on their current relationship with China, where the programme slowed or closed during the pandemic, has there been movement again?</li> <li>• <b>China:</b> any news from the suspension?</li> <li>• <b>China:</b> Discuss ongoing suspension and reports of children previously in the intercountry adoption process adopted domestically.</li> <li>• <b>India:</b> Have any countries determined that they can process intercountry adoptions under HAMA?</li> <li>• <b>Korea</b> - We have been informed that following some changes in the child protection system in Korea, Holt Children’s Services, Inc. can no longer assign children to our French AAB. Have any other countries</li> </ul>	<p>France</p> <p>Germany</p> <p>Italy</p> <p>The United States</p> <p>Germany</p> <p>Italy</p> <p>Germany</p> <p>Italy</p> <p>The United States</p> <p>Ireland</p> <p>Italy</p> <p>The United States</p> <p>The United States</p> <p>France</p>
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	<p>experienced this issue? Nature of Korean adoption decisions: deemed to be full adoption, but finally revocable in certain circumstances</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Philippines:</b> which is your experience in relation to the assignments from Philippines during the last two years. In our case it has been a stagnation.</li> <li>• <b>Thailand</b> – have your AABs also received a message from CAC – new applications for ICA only for children from 4 years of age or siblings?</li> <li>• Long delays in <b>Thailand:</b> after finishing the pre-adoptive follow up period in Spain we don't receive in time the Thai authorization for the adoption in our Court. Does it happen to you?</li> </ul> <p><b>AFRICA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ethiopia</b> – any news regarding historic adoption cases from the orphanage Kebebe Tsehai?</li> <li>• <b>Ethiopia:</b> update on the situation of the Kibebetsehay Orphanage?</li> <li>• <b>Ivory Coast:</b> is any of the ICAN countries seeking an accreditation to start an adoption programme?</li> <li>• Africa: we only have an Accredited Body in <b>Madagascar</b>. Do you know if there another good-working willing to receive applications?</li> <li>• <b>Madagascar:</b> any news about the reform?</li> <li>• <b>South Africa:</b> Passport processing issues continue to delay families departing the country after their adoption, and have caused some parents to overstay their visas. Are other countries experiencing issues getting passports for adopted children at the end of the process?</li> <li>• <b>South Africa</b> - Any advice or insight any country can share in respect of setting up a programme and working with South Africa.</li> <li>• <b>Tunisia:</b> distribution of roles / responsibilities between the Institut National de Protection de l'Enfance (National Institute for Child Welfare) and the local child protection officer</li> </ul>	<p>Spain</p> <p>Denmark</p> <p>Spain/Madrid</p> <p>Denmark</p> <p>Switzerland</p> <p>Switzerland</p> <p>Spain/Madrid</p> <p>Italy</p> <p>The United States</p> <p>Ireland</p> <p>France</p>
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	<b>LATIN AMERICA</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Ecuador:</b> experience or opinion of any country that is working with Ecuador. Assignments received in the recent years, minor profiles...</li><li>• <b>Haïti:</b> state of play</li></ul>	Spain  Switzerland

18:00	<b>3. Good-bye until tomorrow</b>
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**Agenda**

**Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> 2022**

9:00	<b>Opening of Microsoft Teams meeting room</b> ~Opportunity for discussions
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9:30	<b>4. Welcome – day 2</b>
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9:30	5. General Topics	Requested by:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intra-family adoptions: several topics:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- following the prohibition of independent adoptions in France, we are working on a specific ad-hoc process for the intra-family adoptions in countries without AABs. Is there any country with such a process?</li> <li>- Cooperation between CA when there is no AAB in the State of origin</li> <li>- Link between The Hague conventions of 1993 and 1996 for such adoptions (reasons for preferring adoption despite the existence of siblings – migratory issues?)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Bi-nationals FAPs : the issue of local adoptions because of the nationality of the FAP / false domicile. How do you deal with these cases?</li> <li>• Experiences under the European Convention on child adoption (revised) 2008?</li> <li>• PAPs that change the residence after having obtained the availability to adopt from the Italian Juvenile Court.</li> <li>• How do you handle the follow-up period when an adoptive family from another country moves to yours? Do you assume post-adoptive follow-up? In what conditions?</li> <li>• Apart from Mexico and Colombia: are there countries</li> </ul>	<p>France</p> <p>France</p> <p>Germany</p> <p>Italy</p> <p>Spain/Madrid</p> <p>Spain/Madrid</p>

	<p>which accept same-sex couples' adoptions?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sharing of statistical data during the Covid years (2020 and 2021): adoptions by country of origin, Italy appears in all the statistics as the recipient of a large number of "special needs adoptions". We would like to learn about these S.N.A. and if there is some kind of help for these families.</li> </ul>	Spain/Madrid
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11:10	<p><b>6. Hague Convention and Special Commission 2022</b></p>	Requested by:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conclusion and Decision of the last Council on General Affairs and Policy (CGAP) and the V Special Commission 4-8 July 2022</li> </ul>	Italy

11:30-12:00	Comfort Break	
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12:00	<p><b>7. New members of the ICAN group</b></p>	Requested by:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As for the topic on new members of the ICAN group (Canada). In our opinion, we will first of all have to discuss in general, if the ICAN group can have new members and second, if the ICAN group can have new members what are the criteria for membership. If Canada can be a member, we will also have to decide if Finland can be a member too (and then we have the countries which we have rejected).</li> </ul>	Denmark and Italy

12:20	<p><b>8. Miscellaneous</b></p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify Host and data for Next ICAN Meeting</li> <li>• Others?</li> </ul>	

12:30	<p><b>9. International Social Services – ISS IRC</b></p>	Requested by:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ISS IRC Experiences on how to better share and centralize information on root search generally and past illicit practices.</li> </ul>	Switzerland

13:30	<b>10. Good-bye until next meeting</b>	
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